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FLOOR DEBATE

January 29, 2001 LB 51, 278A

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, and members of the Legislature. The Liquor Control Commission estimates the cost of the bill at, let's see it would be at \$10,000, \$7,000 for a computer online system, and another \$3,000 for the batch programs and subprograms to automate the bill. Although it's a relatively small amount, the agency has a relatively small General Fund budget of only seven hundred and some thousand dollars and the agency is unable to absorb this amount. That's the reason for the A bill and hope that you can find it to vote in favor of this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Debate on the advancement of LB 278A? Senator Janssen, you're recognized to close. Senator Janssen waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 278A. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance LB 278A.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 51, introduced by Senator Landis. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 4, referred to the Banking Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Landis, you're recognized to open on LB 51.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, and members of the Legislature. Insurance is a little different from many of the other areas that the state does business in because, historically, insurance was not originally viewed as interstate commerce and therefore not subject to federal regulation. Later there was a finding that an insurance contract was interstate commerce. However, the federal government chose to forego jurisdiction over insurance by something called the McCarran-Ferguson Act that said, even though it could be interstate commerce, we're going to decide that it isn't, and